

STEWARDSHIP: Keeping the Message Alive throughout the Year

MID-JANUARY THROUGH EARLY FEBRUARY – Stewardship of Talent

Three Weekends of Suggested Prayers of the Faithful

1. For the talents of our parishioners, that they may be used with joy in the ministries of our parish – We Pray To The Lord
2. For the ministries of our parish and our wider community, that they may grow in service and compassion to those in need – We Pray To The Lord
3. For those in need, that they might recognize they are beloved children of God, through the efforts of the ministries of our parish – We Pray To The Lord

Bulletin Announcement Suggestions

1. We ask that this week you prayerfully consider how you are using the talents given to you by God. Perhaps there is a ministry you have been thinking about. Consider asking God to help you discern where you can find joy in serving others.
2. Are you thinking of beginning the New Year by using your talents in a ministry of our parish? Below are some ministries that would welcome your involvement:

Call _____ in the parish office at _____ and she will put you in touch with the leader for that ministry. Your parish thanks you!

3. Our parish is grateful to the many parishioners who devote their talents to serving in our ministries. May they be especially blest this year as they continue to serve our Lord.

MID-FEBRUARY THROUGH MARCH – Stewardship of Time

Three Weekends of Suggested Prayers of the Faithful

1. For the grace to faithfully follow our Lenten Journey by spending Time with God – We Pray To The Lord
2. For help in finding time to pray by freeing up time from frivolous pursuits – We Pray To The Lord

3. May we be filled with gratitude for time we get to spend with our family, friends, and neighbors – We Pray To The Lord

Bulletin Announcement Suggestions

1. During our Lenten Journey we focus on Stewardship of Time. Why not spend some Time with God by attending our Stations of the Cross at _____ on _____, make a visit in front of the Blessed Sacrament, pray the Rosary, attend Mass as a family, or spend time with those you love?
2. During Lenten Stewardship of Time, we invite you to our ‘soup suppers’ on _____ at _____ in the evening. All our welcome and we encourage you to bring friends and family. Call _____ if you would like to bring soup, bread, or beverages.
3. Stewardship of Time encompasses praying for those that are sick. You or you and your family could hold up in prayer your fellow parishioners who are sick at meal times this week or any other special time you would like to set aside. Their names are in the bulletin.

THREE WEEKS BEFORE EASTER – Stewardship of Hospitality

Three Weekends of Suggested Prayers of the Faithful

1. May we recognize Jesus in those who will be visiting our parish at Easter this year – We Pray To The Lord
2. May our hearts be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit as we welcome those who may be lost, alone, or hurting this Easter – We Pray To The Lord
3. May Jesus fill us with compassion and hospitality as we welcome all those who may be visiting our church this Easter – We Pray To The Lord

Suggestion: During the Mass (at the Pastor’s choosing) ask those gathered for Mass to introduce themselves to a person they do not know. Pastor tells them that they will all be held up in prayer towards the end of Mass or at Prayers of Faithful.

Bulletin Announcement Suggestions

1. Stewardship of Hospitality from the Parking Lot to the Pew begins with a welcoming attitude to all who may be visiting our parish on Easter. If possible, please park in the furthest spaces in our lot (at Easter Masses) to make this a welcoming parish for visitors.
2. If you are regularly at Mass, we ask that you show your hospitality to visitors this Easter by sitting towards the front of church so that newcomers can easily find a seat.

3. Our parish is grateful to our regulars at Mass for showing hospitality to visitors by graciously moving, in their pew, towards the middle of the church.

BEFORE AND AFTER PENTECOST – Stewardship of Talent

Three Weekends of Suggested Prayers of the Faithful

1. For hearts that are open to acknowledging our God-given talents – We Pray To The Lord
2. That the Holy Spirit might make us aware of the strengths we possess that could be used in the ministries of this parish – We Pray To The Lord
3. That our parish and its ministries be open to giving our parishioners the opportunity to do what they do best – We Pray To The Lord

Bulletin Announcement Suggestions

1. Do you have special talents? What are you really good at? What do you enjoy doing? Have friends and/or family told you that you are really good at gardening, decorating, public speaking, office work, or others? If so, you may have a talent that God wants to use to build up His Kingdom.
2. Last week we asked you to think about your special gifts and talents. This week we ask you to prayerfully consider a ministry to which God may be calling you. Our parish is a great place to work in the vineyard of the Lord as member of the Body of Christ.
3. Do you know what Ministry opportunities our parish has? After spending some time with thinking and praying about your own Talents the last couple of weeks, can you see where you might best use them? What areas might give you the opportunity to do what you do best?

END OF JUNE TO MID-AUGUST – Stewardship of Time/Stewardship of Treasure

Three Weekends of Suggested Prayers of the Faithful

1. May our hearts be filled with gratitude at God's beautiful creation in the natural world – We Pray To The Lord
2. For all those who are away from home on vacation, that they might recognize God in the beauty of this world and the strangers they may meet – We Pray To The Lord
3. May this summer bring us time with our family that brings us closer to each other and closer to God – We Pray To The Lord

Bulletin Announcement Suggestions

1. Summer can be a happy and relaxed time of the year and we celebrate that. In the spirit of good Stewardship, we ask you to remember your parish during every season of the year. There are several ways to keep your donations up-to-date while away on vacation. If you give through weekly envelopes, please bring your donation for the appropriate weekends to the parish office before leaving. If you would like to sign up for online donations, you can do that through our website at:_____. If you are already an online giver, nothing else is required. You have already taken care of your promise. We are grateful to all of our parishioners for living Stewardship as a Way of Life.
2. A Summer Prayer - Creator of all, thank You for summer! Thank You for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight. Thank You for the beauty I see all around me and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation. Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family, and for the more casual pace of the summer season. Draw me closer to You this summer. Teach me to pray no matter where I am or what I am doing. Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence, and light my path with Your Word and Counsel. As I enjoy Your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You. Amen
3. Jesus spoke about money and wealth more than any other subject. To see what He had to say, why not look up the following scripture verses: 1 Timothy 6:10/Mark 12:41-44/Hebrews 13:5

JULY AND AUGUST –Stewardship of Talent/Treasure

Preparations for Commitment Renewal

- If you have not already done so, download the Talent/Ministry document located on our website under Talent Renewal. This document is in Word format so that you can easily customize it at your parish and print it off on colored paper for your Stewardship of Talent Renewal. Because it takes time to develop a list of talents that are needed in your parish and to make sure you include all of your ministries, we suggest you begin early. This 4-fold flyer was created so that your parish could customize it in any way that you wish.
- Now is also the time to decide what you want to order for your Stewardship of Treasure renewal and to figure out how you might like to customize your commitment card. You may have already received an email from Parish Stewardship with the order and customization site link. Please get your order in as early as possible and don't forget that we are here to help if you need it. Just contact us at parishstewardship@seattlearch.org and we can walk you through the whole process.

END OF SEPTEMBER TO MID-OCTOBER – Stewardship of Talent Campaign

For Prayers of the Faithful and Bulletin Announcements, see the Stewardship Timeline that you received at the Training Sessions or go to Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure on our website.

END OF OCTOBER THROUGH NOVEMBER – Stewardship of Treasure

For Prayers of the Faithful and Bulletin Announcements, please see the Renewal Chapter Timeline that you received at the Parish Stewardship Training Sessions or access it on our website under Parish Stewardship > Time, Talent, and Treasure.

THREE WEEKS BEFORE CHRISTMAS – Stewardship of Hospitality

Three Weekends of Suggested Prayers of the Faithful

1. For the grace to accept people the way that they are as they join us for our Christmas Masses – We Pray To The Lord
2. May those who come with sadness in their hearts, experience this Christmas through the kindness and hospitality of our parishioners, a new beginning of healing, hope and peace – We Pray To The Lord
3. May all members of our community, whether Catholic or a different faith tradition or of no specific faith be held in our hearts and receive God's blessing – We Pray To The Lord

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Bulletin Announcement Suggestions

1. Our Christmas Mass times are, _____.
Please feel free to invite family, friends and visitors to join you at Mass this Christmas.
2. We at St. _____ Parish are a welcoming and hospitable parish. Please park in the further regions of the parking lot at Christmas Masses to leave room for those who may be visiting.
3. Please pray for the visitors that attend our Christmas Masses. May we greet them with hospitality and pray that they find a true welcome and home here at St. _____.

Access the calendar graphic at: http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org/Assets/PS/11314_Yearroundtimeline.pdf